

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4510**

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TO:	The Honorable Billy Witherspoon, Chairman, House Agriculture, Natural Resource & Environmental Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Electronic Waste Management Act	

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4510 amends Chapter 56, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 10 relating to Electronic Waste Management. The Bill requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to promulgate regulations identifying electronic devices that are presumed to be hazardous waste when discarded and to establish consumer electronic waste recycling fees. The Bill establishes the Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Fund and specifies how the Fund is to be expended.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department estimates implementation would require twelve additional FTEs (including 2 auditors, 3 fiscal analysts, 1 chemist, 4 environmental health managers, 1 program coordinator and 1 administrative assistant) at an annual cost of \$484,690 for salaries and fringe benefits, plus \$350,000 for operating expenses. Non-recurring costs of \$60,000 are anticipated for the purchase of additional vehicles in order to conduct on-site audits and compliance inspections. First year administrative costs are therefore estimated at \$894,690 while recurring administrative costs are estimated at \$834,690.

Annual payments to recyclers are estimated at between \$1,700,000 and \$8,630,000 depending on the level of recycling activity (20% to 100% recycling per year). There would be no cost to the State General Fund assuming DHEC will adjust fees as necessary to cover program costs in accordance with 44-56-930 (G) and 44-56-940.


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A review of this Bill by Board staff indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address the revenue impact associated with this or any other Bill.

Approved by:



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